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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION: WAR IN IRAQ

Selected Headlines

1. Tuesday, January 03, 2006

-- Al-Anbaa front page "Washington: The militias are loyal to their sects and there are fears of Iraq becoming a sectarian state"

-- Al-Anbaa p. 23 "Bush's military advisor points to reducing the number of troops to 100,000 by the end of the year"; "Washington will not complete the rebuilding of Iraq"; "American troops enforce a curfew in Kirkuk and 16 killed in attacks"

-- Al-Seyassah p. 30 "Iraq's Shiites prepare to declare 'The Southern Region' and their control of Iraq's oil wells and ports"

-- Al-Rai Al-Aam p. 31 "Talibany emphasizes the importance of including all in the next government"; "Turkish Ambassador injured in Baghdad after his motorcade sustained an attack"

-- Al-Qabas p. 40 "20 Iraqis killed 2 of which are children and 8 bodies found in Baghdad"

Block Quotes

2. Tuesday, January 03, 2006

-- Eid Al-Dihaiwis wrote in the moderate daily Al-Qabas under the title "Secular America incites nations": "It turns out that most of the Muslim youths who go to Iraq for the purpose of carrying out Jihad have no relation to Al-Qaeda; rather, it is the result of the American occupation of Iraq. That means that hostility towards the United States of America has dramatically increased after the invasion of Iraq. The American media campaign to win the war and market the occupation. Arab anger began to boil and Islamic Jihad began to move as the United States of America sank deeper into the Iraqi swamp, until it became the state of torture, political lies, and injustice. The Iraqis have proven themselves with no help from the outside, if they are helped then Iraq will become the ground on which the United States of America loses its ideological, political, and military

reputations. The problem with America is that it is arrogant and underestimates the power of others. Also, its problem is that it does not know God's rules for the universe. If it did, it would not have been so sure of its power and its political, media, or military planning."

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